

**BOARD APPLICATION FORM  
RAVALLI COUNTY, MONTANA**

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Business or Occupation: RETIRED TEACHER-HAMILTON  
Board of Committee applied for: RAVALLI COUNTY FAIR COMMISSION

- Please describe your experience or background which you believe qualifies you for service on this Board or Committee (attach additional sheets if needed):

Daly Ditches Irrigation Dist. 23 yrs  
RAVALLI CO. PLANNING Bd - '92-2000  
RAVALLI CO. FAIR COMMISSION - '93-PRESENT  
HAMILTON SCHOOL SYSTEM - TEACHER - 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE - 27 YRS  
'62-'89

- Why do you wish to serve on this Board or Committee?

There is no better calling than to be representing  
Ravalli County and be a part of conducting a  
successful & entertaining fair.

- Additional information which you feel is pertinent:

See attached resume

Signature

Leslie Linendoll

Date

8-28-08

Return application to:

**Ravalli County Board of Commissioners  
215 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite A  
Hamilton, MT 59840**

Date Received:

8/28/08

**OFFICE USE ONLY:**

APPOINTED: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TERM EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

(CIRCLE ONE BELOW)

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT

RE-APPOINTMENT

TERM NO.

TO: Ravalli County Commissioners

From: Leslie Linendoll

SUBJECT: Ravalli County Fair Commission

I wish to apply for the position on the Ravalli County Fair Commission

I have been a member of the Fair Commission for 16 years. During that time we have seen increases in attendance at the Fair, the number of days the Fairgrounds is used by the public, the Manager's duties increase from part-time to full-time, an increase to ¾ time for the Manager's Assistant and Maintenance Supervisor, the Fair has increased from 3 to 4 days, an addition of a first-class carnival, building maintenance has been maintained and improved, the number of fair entries in all categories has increased and new categories added, new Powder River chutes and related rodeo equipment has been added, attendance has increased each year. A program has been developed to record number of tickets sold and attendance recorded, the new First Interstate Center has been approved, designed, built and is increasingly being utilized by the public, a budget increase from \$220,107 in 1992-'93 to a proposed \$507,626 in 2008-'09, 4-H entries increase from 347 in 1995 to 1972 in 2007, and a Rodeo increase from approx. \$22,000 in '96 to \$73,000 in 2008. And, every year the budget has been satisfied with no debt.

I have participated on projects such as the first Long Range Planning Committee developing the Master Plan for the facility (which is presently being revisited), food service, facilities fee schedules, ground use policy, development of the arena projects as well as the proposed Trade and Convention Center project which is now the completed First Interstate Center.

I have worked with the Facilities Manager each year to establish a realistic budget that not only plans for the next fiscal year but looks forward to and plans for the future development and improvement of the Fairgrounds and its commitment to the public.

I moved to Hamilton in 1950 as a barber and then took time out for military service and college. I returned in 1962 as a teacher in the Hamilton School system, retiring in 1989. Since my retirement I have the time, desire and know-how to put forth the effort needed to participate in and assist with the supervision of the decisions that are made for the efficient management of the Ravalli County Fairgrounds.

There is no better calling than to be representing Ravalli County and be a part of conducting a successful and entertaining Fair while seeing that the Fairgrounds remains as a year-round-use facility available to the public.

Thank you for your consideration.

Leslie Linendoll

## PUBLIC SERVICE

RAVALLI COUNTY FAIR COMMISSION Chairman--'95, '96, '01, '02	1993—Present
AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE Vice-Chairman 1996--2000	1996—2000
RAVALLI COUNTY PLANNING BOARD Chairman--'95 & '96	1992—2000
DALY DITCHES IRRIGATION DISTRICT Chairman--'87 to '08	1985—2008
BACK COUNTRY HORSEMAN Vice-Chair BCH of America 1984 Vice-Chair BCH of Montana 1985 Chair--Bitterroot BCH--'83,'84,'85,'91,'92	1979---Present
HAMILTON JR. HIGH -- TEACHER	1962---1989
HAVRE JR. HIGH -- TEACHER	1960---1962
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY	1955---1960
VICTOR, MT--BARBER Leased & operated the shop	1952---1954
MILITARY SERVICE--Active Duty Naval Reserve--'47 to '50 NG & Army Reserve '52 to '89	1950---1952
MOVED TO HAMILTON--BARBER	1950---1950